

WE CLAIM:

1. A composition for the treatment, repair or prevention of damage to connective tissue comprising one or more avocado/soybean unsaponifiables and one or more compounds selected from the group consisting of an
5 aminosugars, GAGs, SAME, SOD, L-ergothionine, collagen type II, diacerin, arachadonic acid, and tetracycline-like compounds.
2. A composition for the treatment, repair or prevention of damage to connective tissue comprising an analgesic from the group consisting of a
10 non-steroid, non-NSAID analgesic and one or more compounds selected from the group consisting of aminosugars, GAGs, SAME, SOD, L-ergothionine, collagen type II, diacerin, arachadonic acid, tetracycline-like compounds, and one or more ASUs.
- 15 3. The composition of claim 2 in which the analgesic is selected from the group consisting of acetaminophen and tramadol.
4. A method of preventing, treating or repairing damage to connective tissue in humans and animals comprising administering any of the compositions
20 of claim 1 to a human or animal in need thereof.

5. A method of preventing, treating or repairing damage to connective tissue in humans and animals comprising administering any of the compositions of claim 2 to a human or animal in need thereof.